

A Look Back at — 2013 —

It's hard to believe that 2013 is already over, but I am a person who doesn't like to look back so I'm glad 2014 is here! For me, I'm always excited to think about what's ahead instead of reviewing the past, but 2013 was an incredible year. When I look back on everything I can't help but feel an overwhelming sense of gratitude and excitement!

It's been a milestone year – here are some of my favorite moments of 2013:

- ❖ Former First Lady Laura Bush speaking at the Teen Challenge Banquet at the Pfister in Milwaukee
- ❖ Visiting Mount Vernon for the Grand Opening of The Fred W. Smith National Library for the study of George Washington
- ❖ Hosting the National Governor's Association Summer meeting in Milwaukee
- ❖ Grand Opening of the Boys and Girls Club in Walworth County

"Walk with Walker" showcased 11 locations throughout the state, and since we started walking in 2010 we've completed a total of 30 walks!

I was able to surprise 12 deserving individuals with the Wisconsin Heroes Award. It is always truly my pleasure to meet the citizens in our great state that give so much of their time out of the kindness of their heart. They expect no recognition, which is why I love surprising them to thank them!

In just three short years we have been able to help non-profits raise more than \$150,000.

During the holidays we host many receptions at The Executive Residence and we collect non-perishable food items to donate to the Second Harvest Food Bank. This year we donated approximately 3,015 pounds of food, which is a 600 pound increase from the previous year.

We added new staff to the Executive Residence:

- ❖ Tiffany Black – Chief of Staff to First Lady Tonette Walker
- ❖ Paul Shimon – Executive Chef
- ❖ Melissa Finkelstein – Administrative Assistant
- ❖ Chelsey Hamilton – Promoted to Executive Residence Director

I can't say enough great things about the hard-working staff. They have all done such an incredible job in their positions thus far, and I have great confidence that with them 2014 will be even more successful!

Wow, we have accomplished so much this past year. Thank you to everyone who had any part of all the wonderful things we were able to accomplish. Thank you for helping move Wisconsin forward.

Take a minute to look at my website for some of these highlighted events and celebrate with us!

I hope your New Year is off to a great start! I know I feel rejuvenated and excited about everything in store for 2014. I can't wait to get started on what I feel will be a very exciting year!

Sincerely,

